UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket No. <u>AB-389U</u>

(New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

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| Transmitted herewith is the patent application of () application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Edward | H. Overstreet, |
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| entitled Optimizing Pitch and Other Speech Stimuli Allocation in a Cochlear Implant, for a(n): | |
| (X) Original Patent Application. | |

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| Total Claims | 26 | 6 | \$18.00 | \$108.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | 0 | \$86.00 | \$0.00 |
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